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REMARKS

The application accompanying this preliminary amendment is a continuation application directed to claims 33-41 and claiming priority to U.S. Application No. 09/487,943, now U.S. Patent No. 6,312,458. Claims 33-41 have been added herein.

Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance and favorable action is therefore solicited. Should the Examiner have any questions, the undersigned will be pleased to address them by telephone.

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VERSION OF AMENDMENT WITH MARKINGS
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IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-32, and add the following new claims:

33. (New) An endoluminal prosthesis comprising:
an elongate tubular member having luminal surface, an exterior surface and extending along a longitudinal axis;
a structural support member disposed on the luminal or exterior surface of said tubular member; and
an elongate securement member having a length and a width and securing said structural support member to said tubular member, said securement member being helically arranged at an angle with respect to said longitudinal axis, said width of said securement member being less than 0.60 mm.
34. (New) The endoluminal prosthesis according to claim 33, wherein said tubular member is formed by conventional textile manufacturing processes.
35. (New) The endoluminal prosthesis according to claim 33, wherein said elongate tubular member comprises a sheet of ePTFE wrapped to form a tube.
36. (New) The endoluminal prosthesis according to claim 33, wherein said securement member is a substantially flat, thin suture.
37. (New) The endoluminal prosthesis according to claim 33, wherein said securement member is formed of a textile material, said material being selected from the group consisting of PET, PTFE, and ePTFE.

38. (New) The endoluminal prosthesis according to claim 33, wherein said securement member secures said structural support member to said exterior surface of said tubular member.

39. (New) The endoluminal prosthesis according to claim 33, wherein said securement member is adhered to said tubular member.

40. (New) The endoluminal prosthesis according to claim 39, wherein said securement member is non-continuously adhered to said tubular member at certain points.

41. (New) The endoluminal prosthesis according to claim 39, wherein said securement member is continuously adhered to said tubular member, wherever said securement member interfaces with said tubular member.